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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7414.0018

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hon SHIN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1743
Application No.: 09/496,408)
Filed: February 2, 2000)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
EJECTING SAMPLE WELL)
TRAYS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of September 13, 2002. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- Applicants hereby petition for a 3 month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee payment of \$930.00 for the extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	23	-	40	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep.	3	-	5	0	x \$ 84	0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$280	
					Subtotal	\$ 0.00
					Reduction by ½ if small entity	-
					TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

Dated: February 20, 2003

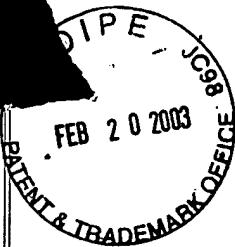
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action dated September 13, 2002, the period for reply having been extended to March 13, 2003 by a three-month Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 11-17, and 24-28 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, amend claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 19-23, and 40, and add new claims 41-49 as follows:

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2/25/03
ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1743

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